

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 12, 2007, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the Applicant has amended claims 4 and 5 to place those claims in independent form and cancelled claims 1, 2, 8, 21, 22, 30 and 31. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added through the above amendments and that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 3-7, 9-20, 23-29 and 32-42 are submitted for consideration. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

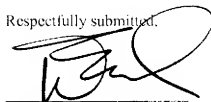
Claims 1-2, 8, 21-22 and 30-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Leonard et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,797). Those claims have now been cancelled and Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection is now moot. Claims 3 and 4 were previously indicated as being allowable, where those claims have been placed in independent form. As such, all claims pending, claims 3-7, 9-20, 23-29 and 32-42, have been allowed and there are no further issues in the application.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application into better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000309-00259). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to render this Amendment timely, and in the event that a separate petition

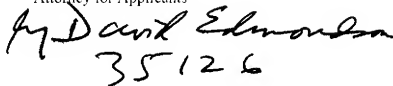
either does not accompany this Amendment or is insufficient to render this Amendment timely.
the Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many
months as are required to render this Amendment timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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